



MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael K. McKell, House Chair
Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jon Hawkins
Rep. Kelly B. Miles
Rep. Rex P. Shipp
Rep. Mark A. Strong

Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. John Knotwell

Staff Present:

Mr. Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary
Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Emily Willis, Financial Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order

Chair, Rep. McKell called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M.

MOTION: Approval of Minutes June 18, 2019 The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-8

Rep. S. Duckworth
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Henderson
Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. M. McKell
Rep. R. Shipp
Rep. M. Strong
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Hawkins
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. K. Miles
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

2 . Fiscal Note Follow-Up Report

Sean Faherty, Finance Officer, introduced and explained the Fiscal Note Follow-up Report

[3-Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report 2019 - HED Items](#)

3 . S.B. 102 (Higher Education Capital Facilities) Implementation:

[4a-USHE SB102 Implementation](#)

Sen. Hillyard commented about the fiscal notes and bills and suggested the Committee have a report given on all the non-lapsing fiscal notes and balances left in case they can be reallocated. Mr. Faherty responded to the suggestion. There was further comment from Rep. McKell.

Sean Faherty, Finance Officer, introduced and explained S. B. 102.

[4a-USHE SB102 Implementation](#)

David Woolstenhume, Interim Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah Board of Regents, voiced support of S.B. 102. He explained the request in regard to S. B. 102 and introduced Rich Amon.

Rich Amon, Assistant Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, gave an overview of the bill and explained the six metrics of the bill. There was also input from Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme.

Rep. Ballard inquired about the \$73 million dollar budget and when the funding might need to move and to be adjusted.

Commissioner Amon responded to the inquiry and explained the procedure used to determine the use of the budget allotted. There was continued discussion between Rep. Ballard and Commissioners Amon and Woolstenhulme.

Chair McKell commented on the previous remarks.

Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Education, introduced Tyler Brinkerhoff, Finance Officer, Utah System of Technical Colleges as well as Steve Moore, Board Chair, Utah System of Technical Colleges and made comment on the UTech Report of SB 102.

[4b-UTECH SB102 Implementation](#)

Steve Moore, Board Chair, continued explaining the needs requested for capital facilities as shown in the document with reference to five metrics used to measure needs with further explanation from Interim Commissioner Haines.

Sen. Hillyard spoke to the issue with a concern about the need for psychologists and nurses being trained and available to the public schools and the increased training necessary as well as the ability of technical colleges to fund buildings on the their campuses. Interim Commissioner Haines responded with further input from Sen. Hillyard about campus safety.

Sen. Mayne voiced a concern about OSHA compliance and the importance of it in the environment of both new and old buildings. Mr. Moore responded. There was further conversation between Sen. Mayne and Mr. Moore.

Rep. McKell commented.

[5a-USHE Performance Funding](#)

Rep. McKell commented on recommendations made previously.

Sean Faherty, Finance Officer, explained and introduced the report.

4 . Performance Funding Implementation Update:

David Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner, Higher Ed, expressed support of the performance funding and introduced Rich Amon.

Rich Amon, Associate Commissioner for Finance and Facilities, introduced and explained five measures used in the performance funding formula and how it was determined. Rep. McKell asked for clarification. There was comment by Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme.

Rep. Ballard commented on the efficiency in the programs being used among the schools in partnership. There was conversation between Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme and Rep. Ballard with comment from Chair McKell.

Sen. Mayne asked a question about how much influence the Board of Regents has in decision making. Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme responded. There was continued conversation about cooperation among the institutions and Board of Regents.

Commissioner Amon continued his explanation for the Performance Funding at Snow College and Dixie State University.

Rep. Ballard asked a question about Dixie State University and the metrics of performance, including the impact of increased enrollment on how performance funding is determined. Mr. Amon responded.

Mr. Amon continued with input from Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme.

[5b-UTECH Performance Funding](#)

Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Education, introduced the metrics and UTech Performance Funding Distribution.

Tyler Brinkerhoff, Assistant Commissioner, proceeded with an explanation for the funding with comments from Interim Commissioner Haines.

Rep. Shipp asked if there had been difficulty in maintaining qualified instructors with competition from other industries. Mr. Haines replied.

[6-House Joint Resolution 18 - Base Budgeting Presentation](#)

5 . HJR 18 Review Presentation

Sean Faherty presented information from the budget review as well as recommendations to consider in October 2019 meetings.

Rep. Ballard inquired about considering a different metrics method for measuring the efficiency in maintenance. There was further conversation between Mr. Faherty and Rep. Ballard stating support for audits but not knowing the follow up needed after the audits.

Mr. Faherty continued with his presentation of the Educationally Disadvantaged Line Item.

Rep. Shipp asked a question about how O&M (Operations and Maintenance) amounts are determined for buildings and if there are formulas used. Mr. Faherty responded.

Mr. Amon, Associate Commissioner, responded to the question. There was continued discussion between Mr. Amon and Rep. Shipp.

Sen. Hillyard voiced issues about O & M budgets and asked if adjustments are made over the years. Commissioner Amon responded. Sen. Hillyard asked if there were incentives offered for efficiency and Commissioner Amon replied. There was continued discussion.

Rep. Ballard questioned Interim Commissioner Woolstenhulme about the institutions' perspectives on the educationally disadvantaged line item.

Commissioner Amon offered input to the question.

Sean Faherty continued presenting information from the document concerning line items.

Rep. McKell commented.

Sen. Hillyard voiced a concern about base budgets and requests made by the institutions that the Legislature never hears about after the item is funded. He also expressed concerns about challenges to cutting or making significant changes to programs in higher education.

Sean Faherty, Finance Officer, shared information about how funding is determined and what will be considered in upcoming sessions.

[7a-Line Item Structure - Utah System of Higher Education](#)

[3-Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report 2019 - HED Items](#)

Commissioner Haines addressed Sen. Hillyard's concerns and introduced Rich Amon.

Rich Amon presented information about accountability and what has been done to simplify procedures as well as combining programs to make fewer line items.

Jared Haines, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Technical Colleges, discussed their line items.

Chair McKell shared appreciation for Technical Education focus on budgets.

Rep. Shipp moved to adjourn the meeting

MOTION: Rep. McKell adjourned the meeting at 3:42 P.M. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-9

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